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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2000, please amend the identified application as follows above identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace each paragraph indicated in Attachment A with the (clean) paragraph as shown after the indication in Attachment A provided herewith. A marked up copy of each replaced paragraph showing the changes from the original paragraphs is shown in Attachment B provided herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

A clean version of the introductory phrase to the claims is provided herewith in Attachm nt C. A marked up copy of the introductory phrase to the claims is shown in Attachment D provided herewith.